

TITLE 27- California Environmental Protection Agency

15-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT PERIOD

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM REGULATIONS

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) has considered all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed regulatory action during the public comment period and proposes to adopt a revised text of the proposed regulations as described below which incorporates changes suggested by the commenters. An additional 15-day written comment period on the modified text of the regulations will begin on October 9, 2003, and end on October 24, 2003.

PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

Notice is hereby given that Cal/EPA proposes to adopt regulations authorized under Public Resource Code section 71116 to describe how Environmental Justice Small Grant Program funds are to be allocated and awarded as authorized under the Environmental Justice Small Grant Program. (Stats. 2002, c. 994)

Cal/EPA mailed the original regulation text and made it available for public review and comment on April 11, 2003. No public hearing was requested, however written comments were accepted during the 45-day public comment period that ended on May 26, 2003. Thereafter, Cal/EPA modified the proposed regulations and submitted its rulemaking package to the Office of Administrative Law on August 8, 2003. Based on additional comments by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), Cal/EPA withdrew the proposed regulations and incorporated OAL's recommended changes and is providing the public with the revised text for their review and comment.

Cal/EPA considers these changes to the rulemaking to be sufficiently related to the original purpose of the proposed regulations to comply with California Code of Regulations, Title 1, section 42. This notice includes the proposed text of the regulations with all revisions made to the text based on both the public and OAL's comments. The modified text of the regulations are available on the Cal/EPA website at www.calepa.ca.gov in the Environmental Justice Section.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is given that any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments regarding these revisions to the proposed regulations, and only these revisions, to the individual named below. The 15-day written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2003. Cal/EPA will only consider comments received by that time. Submit comments by e-mail or in writing to:

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